

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 5-8, 10-13, 17-20, 22-24 and 78-85 are pending in the application. No claim amendments have been presented herein. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this filing.

Applicants note with appreciation that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 have been withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-13, 17-20, 22-24 and 78-85 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,413 ("the '413 patent"). Claims 1, 5-8, 10-13, 17-20, 22-24 and 78-85 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,995,164 ("the '164 patent"). Claims 1, 5-8, 10-13, 17-20, 22-24 and 78-85 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 11/350,313 ("the '313 application").

Applicants submit herewith terminal disclaimers over the '413 patent, the '164 patent and the '313 application. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw these double-patenting rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact any of the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-031 CON2.

Respectfully submitted,



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